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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken to provide basic facilities/amenities to tourists visiting historical temples and monuments in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and temple/monument-wise;

(b) the funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred for the said work during the said period, State/UT and monument-wise including Karnataka; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to provide adequate security to protect the tourists at such places State/UT and monument-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for protection, conservation and maintenance of monuments, archaeological sites and remains in the country which have been declared as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. In addition to conservation, preservation, maintenance and development of environs in and around centrally protected monuments/sites, providing basic facilities/amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc.) to the tourists visiting centrally protected monuments are the regular activities which the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes, as per need and resources. Further, improvement and up gradation of these public amenities is a continuous process. Basic tourist facilities depending upon the need have been provided at the ticketed monuments. The details are at Annexure-I.

(b) The expenditure incurred on providing tourist-related amenities at the centrally protected monuments and sites in the country including Karnataka State during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

(c) Archaeological Survey of India has deployed regular watch & ward staff and has also engaged the services of private security guards and State Armed Guards and CISF personnel at select monuments for the safety and security of centrally protected monuments and sites in the country. The State-wise list of watch and ward is at Annexure-III.